



Level Green Presbyterian Church Friday News

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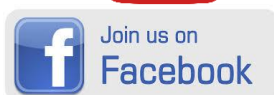
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Media Information

www.levelgreenchurch.org

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for more detailed information

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IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO RECEIVE
E-MAILS FROM THE CHURCH PLEASE
NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE.

This Weeks Video:



Sunday August 16, Bill Poninsky's sermon title will be "Living Our Identity as Followers of Jesus Christ" and is based on the scripture passages Ephesians 2:10, Ephesians 4:1-4, 4:11-16, Ephesians 5:15-21, and Joshua 1:1-9.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."
Ephesians 2:10

Check This Out



Tuesdays 5:45 to 7:15 p.m.
September 8 to December 1

For more information contact Cara Rach,
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This Week at LGPC:

SUNDAY, August 16, 2026

9:00 a.m. – Worship Service

8:30 p.m. – AA Meeting (FH)

THURSDAY, August 20, 2026

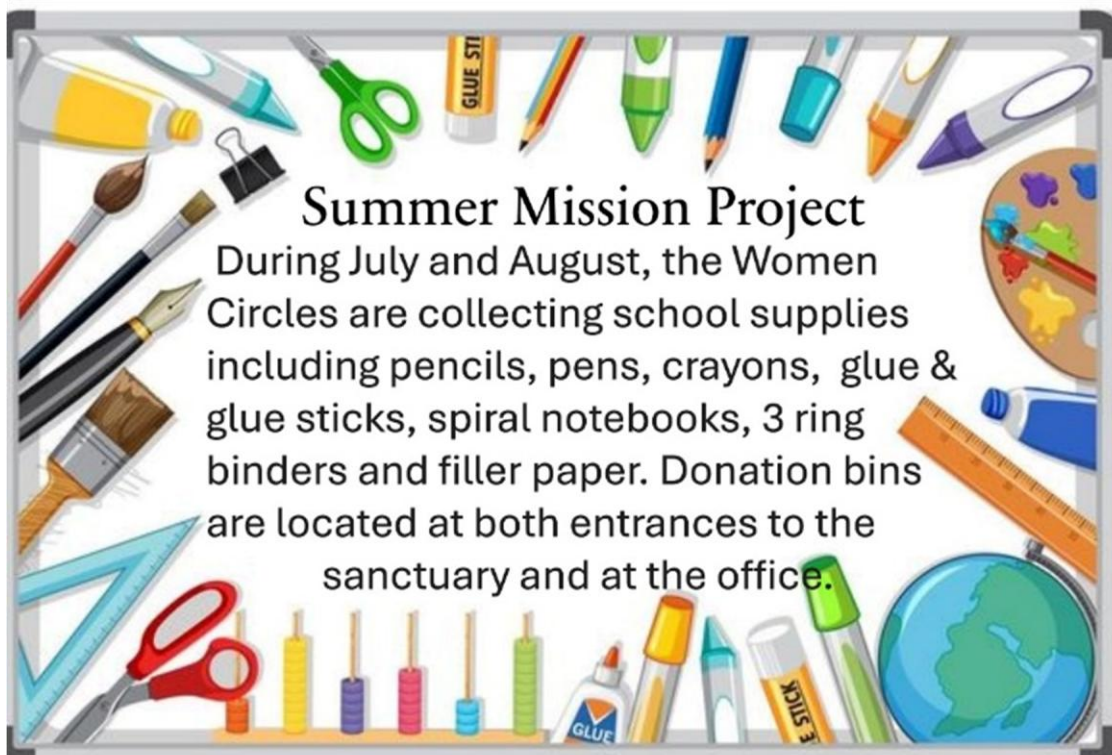
7:00 p.m. – Adult Bible Study

FRIDAY, August 21, 2026

6:00 p.m. – Water Fun

8:00 p.m. – Movie on the Lawn

In Other News:



Announcements and Information

**THIS
Week**

Liturgist: Cheryl Rhea

Greeter/Usher 9:00 a.m. Ed & Joni Barnes

Vacation

The Rach's will be away from August 3–17. If the need for pastoral care arises, please contact our Clerk of Session Cheryl Rhea at (724)787-6477.

Redstone Presbytery Authorized Preacher Bill Poninsky, a member of Third Church in Uniontown, will join us on Sunday, August 16.



Greeters/Liturgist Schedule

Included is the schedule for September, October, and November 2026. Please look over the schedule for your dates. If your date doesn't work for you, trade with someone or let the office know. We can always use more Liturgists and Greeters! Please consider giving it a try.

Adult Bible Study

Our *Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament* will continue meeting at 7 p.m. Thursdays through the month of June. We will take a break for July and August. Women are invited to a women's Bible study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in July at the Rach house. We will be reading *Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the book of Revelation*. Contact Cara Rach at familymin@levelgreenchurch.org for more information.

String and Yarn Crafts!

Next meeting August 27th

Bring your current project and enjoy fellowship while working on it. If you have questions about the group, contact Elizabeth (Lyz) Kuhns at 412-605-9718 (please leave a message) or media.lgpc@gmail.com. For those who want to join but Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. doesn't work, please message Lyz with what day and time works best for you.

Do you know someone who might appreciate a lovely shawl? We have beautiful handmade crochet shawls available at the church when they are in stock. This initiative is brought to you by LGPC's The Web Craft Group and Shadow Angel Arts. For further information, please contact Elizabeth Kuhns. Donations are always welcome to help us continue offering these shawls free of charge.



We will have one worship time at 9:00 AM through Sunday, September 6. We will have one more outdoor worship time (weather permitting) on: Sunday, August 30 starting at 10:00 AM followed by our church picnic.

Prayer List

Please take a moment to look over the names on the list and update the office with any information that you have. Please tell us when names can come off the list.

2026 Communion Schedule

DATE	OCCASION
Sunday, September 13	September Communion
Sunday, October 4	World Communion Sunday
Sunday, November 1	All Saints' Day
Sunday, December 6	Second Sunday of Advent

2026 Flower Calendar

We have contracted with Export Floral to handle our flower orders. The chancel flowers remain \$50. If the vases are already ordered, you can order an organ arrangement for \$20. The 2026 calendar is now posted.



Submissions for Friday News

Don't forget to send your updates and articles to the Church office for your Ministry or group.

Pine Springs Camp

Another summer at Pine Springs Camp is underway. We have adopted summer staffer Heather Smarick. She is a student at the University of Michigan who is serving as a counselor this summer. We will be praying for Heather and the ministry of Pine Springs Camp throughout the summer.

Dinner Basket Team

If you enjoy cooking and you'd like to be on the Dinner Basket team led by the Deacons, we'd love your help. You don't have to be a fancy cook to be a helper. We mostly deliver soups and "comfort foods". Main dish recipes that also freeze well are extra helpful for the families. Making food for someone is a great way to show them that you care. It also helps to make their lives a little bit easier while they're going through something. So if you'd like to be a part of our team, please drop Janet an email at battenhouse@comcast.net.

Church Contributions Can Lower Your Taxable Income

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows individuals aged 70 ½ or older to make tax-free donations to the church or other qualified charities directly from their IRA which also counts towards their required minimum distributions (RMDs). Contact your financial planner or IRA provider to make church contributions using a QCD and reduce your taxable income. The Level Green Presbyterian Church EIN is 25-1284434.

More detailed information can be found in the Narthex or by contacting the church office.



Sunday, August 30, 2026 - 10:00a.m.

Worship on the Church Lawn (Followed by our Church Picnic)

Please join us for our annual church picnic. We will be meeting on the front lawn of the church at 10:00 a.m. for our outdoor worship service. Our potluck picnic will immediately follow the service.

Please bring your favorite salad, side dish, or dessert to share. The grilled hot dogs, refreshments, and ice cream treats will be provided by the Deacons. The McFeely's ice cream truck from Irwin will be coming to visit us and bring delicious frozen treats for everyone.

Bring a friend, neighbor, or some family with you to share in the fellowship of Picnic Sunday. We'll have some lawn games for the adults and some children's activities set up if you'd like to invite a family in your neighborhood. We will also be having our Blessing of the Backpacks during the service to help get the kids ready for the start of school.

*Please note that the start time of our worship service is different on Picnic Sunday from our regular summer services.

We would be very appreciative of some extra helping hands both before and after the picnic.

Extra Hands Needed - If you'd like to lend the Deacons a hand with set-up for the church picnic, please join us at 8:30a.m. We will be moving the tables and chairs to the front lawn. If you'd rather not be lifting, we can still use your help. We will need extra hands to help us with putting on tablecloths, setting up tents, putting out utensils, arranging flowers, filling coolers, and setting up the food areas. If anyone can lend us a pop-up tent, it would be very appreciated. Please place the tents in the Youth Lounge the week of the picnic. Thanks for the Help!

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105 Olive Drive
Trafford, PA 15085

End of Summer Splash Bash

FRIDAY, AUG. 21, 2026

6 - 8 p.m. Water Fun

8 - 11 p.m. Movie on the Lawn:

The Incredibles

11 p.m. Youth Lock-in

(6th - 12th graders only*)

Questions?

familymin@levelgreenchurch.org

***Must preregister and have
KidCheck Account to stay for
Lock-in**



PENN TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

August 30, 2026 at The Madison Club



**The
Madison
Club**

Yukon Road, Madison PA

August 30, 2026

Registration - 8:00 am

Tee Off - 9:00 am

Cost Per Person

\$125.00

**Shotgun Start
Scramble Format**

Hot Dog & Drink
at the Turn

Lunch Buffet
After Golf

Individual and Team Prizes

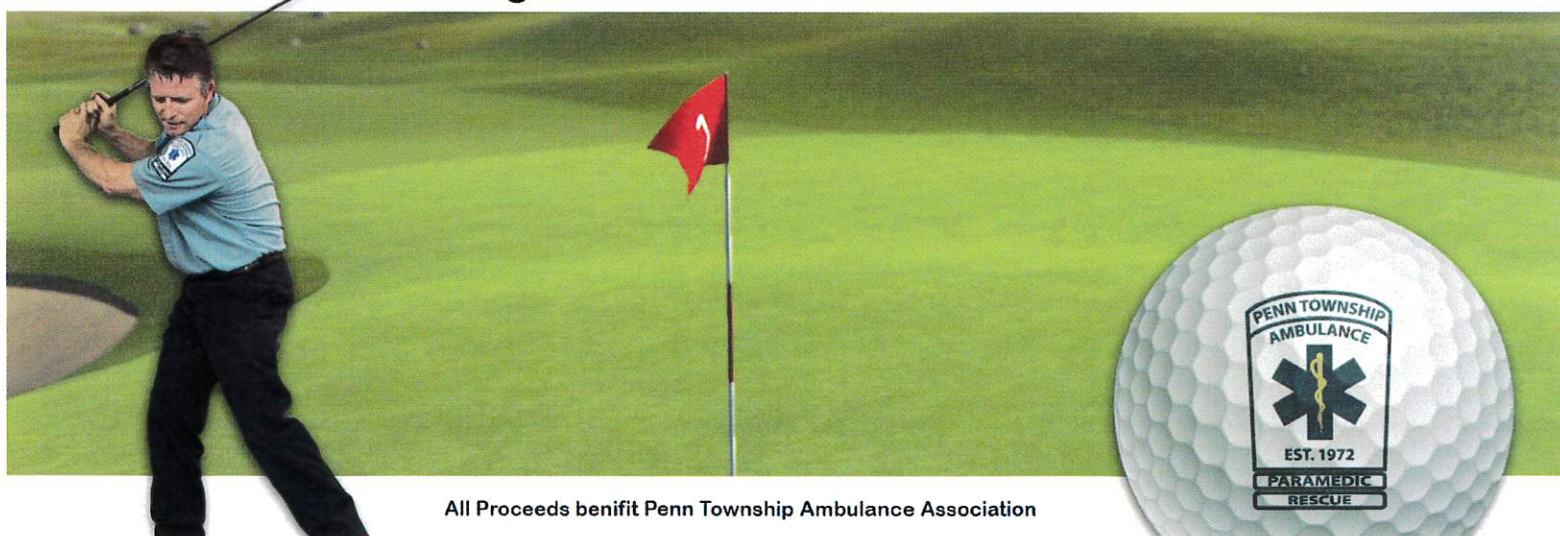
Gifts/Prize Drawings

Registration info:

[www.Facebook.com/PennTownshipAmbulance](https://www.facebook.com/PennTownshipAmbulance)

info@PennTownshipAmbulance.org

Registration Fee is Non-Refundable



All Proceeds benefit Penn Township Ambulance Association

Ministry Updates:

DEACONS

Flower Calendar

During the year the Deacons deliver flowers from the worship service to many of our members. These flower deliveries are looked forward to and help to brighten someone's day. The flower calendar located on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary door is a great place to sign up to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or other special occasions with your friends and family. When you're letting the office know if you'll be taking your flowers home, please consider directing one of your arrangements to be delivered by the Deacons. You'll be helping to bring someone a little extra joy.

Thanks,

The Deacons

DINNER BASKETS

The Deacons have been providing Dinner Baskets to new parents, people who have experienced a recent loss of a loved one, or others who are ill or in need of help in some way. If you would be willing to help provide a main dish, salad, or dessert for the basket during the month of August, please contact Maureen Laffoon at 724-396-5037.

Let's Love Our Neighbors

We want to let those people who always seem to go the extra mile know they are appreciated and loved. There are many people in our everyday lives who go above and beyond and we want to thank them for all that they do.

We will have treat bags available for you on Sundays. We hope our little treat bags will be a wonderful way that we can all share God's love and "hug" our community neighbors.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Want to stay connected to the church? Never want to miss another event? Sign up for the Remind App. Send a text to 81010 with the message@lgpres or sign up at

<https://www.remind.com/join/lgpres>



MISSION MINISTRY

Did you know the Mission Committee supports the TRAFFORD LEVEL GREEN FOOD BANK? Each month we send them a monetary donation so they can purchase items not donated. Each week, Kim Drapala gathers the items that have been donated from our members here and takes them to the food bank. Level Green Church has been awesome in their support! So, when you see a deal in your local grocery store that if you buy ten items, you get what you really want at a discount or you see the cereal you want but have to get four boxes to get the really low price, how about donating things you really don't need to the food bank? When there is a buy one get one free, donate the free one! There are bins in front of the office for any non-perishable donations. We thank you for your continued support and making our community such a fantastic place to live!

BULLETIN BOARD

ST. PAUL'S MEALS ON WHEELS

St. Paul's Meals on Wheels is seeking clients and volunteers in your area. We service Level Green, Trafford, Pitcairn, Wall, Wilmerding and Monroeville communities. If you or someone you know needs a homemade meal, please call Dan 412-372-9116, Monday through Friday.

Pam DeCarlo, a Level Green friend is available for tutoring in all subjects. you can reach her at 724-744-4680.

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM

If you need a ride to a doctor's appointment, we have volunteers who can help you. Please contact the church office for more information.

AA MEETING

Every Sunday there is an Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting held in Fellowship hall from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.



CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2026

CLASS OF 2028

ELDERS

Barb Augustin
Robin Burges
Cheryl Rhea
Kim Stevenson

DEACONS

Janie Halle
Caol Mikoloski
Matt Swick

CLASS OF 2027

ELDERS

Bonny Grills
Elva Hullihen
David Hykes
Bob Smith

DEACONS

Donna Fairfull
Maureen Laffoon
Marylin Roberts
Linda Schickel

CLASS OF 2026

ELDERS

Steve Chovan
Elton Laffoon
Mark Null
Rich Taylor

DEACONS

Janet Battenhouse
Sharon Battenhouse
Jen Brown
Cindy Sheffler

Praying for You!

"Pray without ceasing". ~ I Thessalonians 5:17

Your faithfulness in prayer is greatly appreciated.

Friends with Cancer

Alan Reeves
Connie Ebbett King
Carrie J.
Helen
Diane Ramsey
Bev Tomich
Bill Petrovich
Cheryl
Theresa Stones

Friends with Long Term Health Concerns

Eva Powell
John Frick
Justin Gilligan
Don & Lori Hockenberry
Earl Kilbury
Cory McNutt
Jen Scharba

Linda Hamilton, friend of Joy Hrivnak, has recurring lung cancer spots.

Ed Barnes, having a heart related procedure on Tuesday.

Denise Haralson, with ongoing liver issues.

Katie Martin, friend of Joni Barnes, who has a serious health issue and needs many prayers.

Rose Schickel, recovering from surgery at home.

Ethan Foley, 10 year old best friend of the Bates' grandson Wesley in Boston. Ethan is slowly recovering from the surgery to remove the medulloblastoma from his brain. He will start daily Proton radiotherapy for the next 5 weeks. After that he will undergo chemotherapy. He is an amazing kid and the family appreciates our prayers.

Bill Drapala, hip replacement surgery is on hold again due to some pre-surgery testing.

Sue Arnott Nedley, recovering at home from a heart attack.

Dave Henderson, brother of Kim Drapala, who was in a bad car accident a couple of years ago and is now dealing with many issues with his brain.

Valerie McAteer, sister of Kim Drapala, who was diagnosed with polymyalgia rheumatica.

John Graw, friend of Kim Drapala, diagnosed with crohns disease.

Denny Greenaway, grandfather of Josh Thornton.

Please help the Church Office keep this prayer list up to date by letting us know how God has brought healing to those we lift up in prayer.

Eleanor Griffiths, mother of Bob Griffiths, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Mark Henderson, brother-in-law of Mark Null, with progressive heart failure.

Renee Francis, mother-in-law of Marti and Forrest Moore's grandson, diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer.

Nelson Addleman, nephew of Pat Addleman, has stage 4 brain cancer.

Bethanne Liotta – cousin of Bruce Kociela, who is having kidney problems.

Jean Back, sister of Terry Yungwirth, who suffered a stroke and is facing rehab for a while.

Brianna, friend of Warren Robb, has a brain tumor.

Luke Williams, friend of Leslie Chovan, had major surgery to repair his ankle.

Mike Elias, son of Judy Elias, is doing well. He has finished the stem cells treatment and a recent PET scan shows no new activity. His treatment going forward will be to maintain where he is now.

Chris Roland, great nephew of Lori and Don Hockenberry who is on dialysis.

Luca Volosin, Terry Yungwirth's 6 yr. old bonus grandson, who is having some medical tests.

Dennis Neftsy

Timothy Feerst

Mary Alberts, has been diagnosed with Leukemia.

Nancy Rogers, now at Redstone Highlands in Murrysville.

Joy Pedrow Skarka, diagnosed with breast cancer.

Kristen Herold, friend of Leslie Chovan, diagnosed with breast cancer.

Leann Farrell, sister of Lynn Gilligan, Her husband died unexpectedly and she is still healing from a car accident. She needs prayer.

Rick and Chris Srdock, the Gilligan's neighbor's brother and his wife. They both have multiple health issues.

Kenny Thompson, Level Green resident with multiple myeloma.

Allison Carpenter, Rachel Sementuh's friends sister who had a severe stroke. She is now home, but still has a long road to recovery.

Travis, Chelsea Monty's husband, has been seizure free for 3 months, and is starting new medication due to side effects from the old.

Angela Iorio, niece of Terry Yungwirth has had a setback in her breast cancer treatment with the discovery of a new growth.

Andrew Niezelski, friend of Terry Yungwirth's husband, needs to have a lung transplant.

Jen "Molt", at home recovering from a stroke.

Bette Gilkey, had a stroke and is at the Willows, Presbyterian Senior Care in Oakmont.

Erin Seighman, sister of Bonny Grills being treated for MS.

Brooke Teaman, cousin of Bonny Grills, who has severe Crohn's disease. Pray for remission and recovery.

Kathy Gisi, neighbor of McGough's, received a stem cell transplant but is still weak.

Jaidyn Beam, the Barnes' great nephew who had serious spinal surgery on August 18th.

Jim Powell, Eva Powell's son has cystic fibrosis and is responding well to a new medication.

Walter Funk, friend of Carol Mikoloski who has Parkinson's.

Sandy Kalo, who has liver issues.



Liturgist & Greeter/Usher Schedule
June, July & August 2026

June 7, 2026

9:00 Liturgist – Glenda Taylor
9:00 Greeter/Usher – Elva Hullihen & Maria McBride

June 14, 2026 Outdoor Worship

9:00 Greeter/Usher – The Grills Family

June 21, 2026

9:00 Liturgist – Cindy Sheffler
9:00 Greeter/Usher – Elton & Maureen Laffoon

June 28, 2026

9:00 Liturgist – Cheryl Rhea
9:00 Greeter/Usher – John & Karen Oskin

July 5, 2026

9:00 Liturgist – Bob Smith
9:00 Greeter/Usher – Rich Taylor & Marylin Roberts

July 12, 2026

9:00 Liturgist – Josh Thornton
9:00 Greeter/Usher – Frienda Edwards & Susan Murdy

July 19, 2026 Outdoor Worship

9:00 Greeter/Usher – Robin Burges & Kim Stevenson

July 26, 2026

9:00 Liturgist – Carol Lester
9:00 Greeter/Usher – Elva Hullihen & Maria McBride

August 2, 2026

9:00 Liturgist – Janet Battenhouse
9:00 Greeter/Usher – Elva Hullihen & Maria McBride

August 9, 2026

9:00 Liturgist – Janet Battenhouse
9:00 Greeter/Usher – Kim Drapala & Evalee Tovey

August 16, 2026

9:00 Liturgist – Cheryl Rhea
9:00 Greeter/Usher – Ed & Joni Barnes

August 23, 2026

9:00 Liturgist – Cindy Sheffler
9:00 Greeter/Usher – Hal & Carol Lester

August 30, 2026 Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic

10:00 Greeter/Usher – Kay Stoner & Carol Lester

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Liturgist & Greeter/Usher Schedule
September, October, and November 2026

*If the date doesn't work for you, please trade with someone and let the office know.

September 6, 2026

9:00 Liturgist – Bob Smith
9:00 Greeter/Usher – Elva Hullihen & Maria McBride

September 13, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Susan Murdy
10:30 Liturgist – Cindy Sheffler
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Elton & Maureen Laffoon

September 20, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Hal & Carol Lester
10:30 Liturgist – Glenda Taylor
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Kay Stoner & Robin Burges

September 27, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Donna Fairfull & Frienda Edwards
10:30 Liturgist – Josh Thornton
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Ed & Joni Barnes

October 4, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Kim Drapala
10:30 Liturgist – Cheryl Rhea
10:30 Greeter/Usher – John & Karen Oskin

October 11, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Susan Murdy & Evalee Tovey
10:30 Liturgist – Cindy Sheffler
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Kim Stevenson & Cheryl Rhea

October 18, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Steve & Leslie Chovan
10:30 Liturgist – Carol Lester
10:30 Greeter/Usher – The Grills Family

October 25, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Susan Murdy & Roian Koerber
10:30 Liturgist – Janet Battenhouse
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Renee Kociela & Kim Stevenson

November 1, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Hal & Carol Lester
10:30 Liturgist – Jacob Thornton
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Robin Burges & Pam Thornton

November 8, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Evalee Tovey & Donna Fairfull
10:30 Liturgist – Josh Thornton
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Cheryl Rhea & Kim Stevenson

November 15, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Roian Koerber & Frienda Edwards
10:30 Liturgist – Carol Lester
10:30 Greeter/Usher – John & Karen Oskin

November 22, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Donna Fairfull & Susan Murdy
10:30 Liturgist – Glenda Taylor
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Elton & Maureen Laffoon

November 29, 2026

8:00 Greeter/Usher – Evalee Tovey & Roian Koerber
10:30 Liturgist – Cheryl Rhea
10:30 Greeter/Usher – Rich & Glenda Taylor

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 4 – Josh & Jacob Thornton
August 5 - Sue Carew
August 7 - Layla Carter
August 8 - David Haralson
August 9 - Kim Drapala
August 10 - Debra Griffiths
August 12 - Bonnie Monty
August 13 - Jeremy Dixon
August 14 - Kara Tranter
August 15 - Jim Duff
Donald Mikoloski, Sr.



August 16 - Andrew DeLuca
Allison Frye
Renee Kociela
Marylin Roberts
Linda Shumaker
August 18 - Barbara Augustin
August 21 – Warren Robb
August 26 - John Learn
August 27 - Frank Armao
August 28 - Libby Hykes
August 29 - Nancy Rogers

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 1 - Rich & Joy Hrivnak
August 5 – Larry & Peggy McNutt
August 10 - Don & Lori Hockenberry



August 17 - Jack & Melanie Bates
August 30 - Ed & Joni Barnes
August 31 - Rich & Glenda Taylor

August 2026

September 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jul 26	27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1
2 9:00am Worship 8:30pm AA meeting ((FH))	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship Hour 8:30pm AA meeting	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:00am Worship 8:30pm AA meeting ((FH))	17 7:00pm Boy Scouts Planning Mtg (room 115)	18	19	20 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	21 6:00pm Water Fun 8:00pm Movie on the Lawn	22
23 9:00am Worship 10:00am Worship Ministry 8:30pm AA meeting	24	25	26 6:00pm Preschool Orientation	27 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	28	29
30 10:00am Outdoor Worship 11:10am Church Picnic 8:30pm AA meeting	31	Sep 1	2	3	4	5

8/12/2026 11:22 AM